Maintenance of the Ecclesiastical Department.

928 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent by Government towards the maintenance of the Ecclesiastical Department in the Madras Presidency in 1920, 1921 and 1922;

(*b*) whether this amount was spent from the taxes paid by the ryots;

(*c*) whether any subscriptions or donations are received from other countries than India; and

(*d*) whether any other religious institutions are also maintained by Government on the same lines as the Ecclesiastical Department?

A.—The Ecclesiastical Department is a Central subject and the Government have no further information than is contained in the budget of the Government of India.

Macmichæl committee.

929 *Q.*—Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the names of the members of the Macmichæl committee appointed to consider the question of giving compensation to the sufferers in the Mappila outbreak and the terms of its reference?

A.—No committee was appointed by Government. Mr. Macmichael, with the approval of Government, proposed to constitute a committee to advise him as to the payment of compensation to those sufferers who had not received loans. But the committee was only to operate after it was known what sum would be available for distribution as compensation, and as no money has been made available for that purpose, the committee has never been formally constituted.

Rebuilding of Hindu houses in Malabar.

930 *Q.*—Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Hindu houses destroyed by the rebels in the outbreak and the amount required for rebuilding them;

(*b*) the number of people who applied for loans for rebuilding such houses and the total amount asked for;

(*c*) the number of people to whom loans for such purposes were given and the amount so disbursed; and

(*d*) whether it is now proposed to give compensation for such losses?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 5 of the report of the Collector of Malabar published in G.O. No. 176, Public, dated 6th March 1923. The Government have no further information.

(*d*) The matter is under consideration.